

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
PALM SPRINGS-SOUTH COAST FIELD OFFICE

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW AND DECISION RECORD

CX Number: CA-660-05-67

Name of Proposed Action: Drainage Rock for Smith and La Gloria Canyons

Legal Description: T.18S., R.5E., Section 13 SWSE; T.18S., R.5E., Section 23 SESE; T.18S., R.5E., Section 24 NWSW, NESW, NWNE, NENE; T.18S., R.6E., Section 19 SWNW, SENW.

Land Use Plan conformance: In compliance with 43CFR 1610.5-3 and BLM MS 1617.3, the proposed action is in conformance with the *South Coast Resource Management Plan* (1994).

Description of Proposed Action: The Border Patrol Campo Field Station proposes to deposit rip-rap size rock in eroded drainages that have cut into roads through Smith and La Gloria Canyons. Run-off along the roads from major storm events over the last two years has eroded and under-cut sides of the roads. To curtail erosion, rip-rap size rock would be deposited on the down-slope side of the roads where erosion is occurring. Five locations in La Gloria Canyon and ten locations in Smith Canyon would have rip-rap rock deposited in the eroded drainages. At one location, a large boulder would be repositioned to allow for better drainage of run-off. Rock would be deposited with either a front end loader or backhoe with a bucket. A minimal amount of dirt and debris from the drainages would be repositioned to allow for placement of the rip-rap rock. No surface disturbance outside the roadbed and eroded drainages adjacent to the roads would occur.

Categorical Exclusion Reference: 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4 G (2).

(2) Installation of routine signs, markers, culverts, ditches, waterbars, gates, or cattleguards on/or adjacent to existing roads.

Screening for Exceptions: The following exceptions apply to individual actions within categorical exclusions (516 DM, Appendix 2). The preparer and/or indicated specialist must verify that the Proposed Action does not:

2.1	Have significant adverse effects of public health or safety?	No
2.2	Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farm lands, wet lands, flood plains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of National Landmarks?	No

2.3	Have highly controversial environmental effects?	No
2.4	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No
2.5	Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No
2.6	Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects?	No
2.7	Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?	No
2.8	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species or have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species?	No
2.9	Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act?	No
2.10	Threaten to violate a Federal, State, or local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No

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Reviewed by: _____
Environmental Coordinator

DECISION: It is my decision to approve the proposed action as described in Categorical Exclusion (CX) number CA-660-05-67. I find this action conforms to 516 Departmental Manual (DM) 2 and DM 6 with no exceptions. I further find this action in conformance with applicable land use plans and that it will not cause unnecessary or undue degradation. Conditions of approval, if attached, are incorporated by reference as the decision of the Bureau of Land Management regarding this action. A copy of this Decision Record and attendant conditions of approval shall be in the possession of the on-site operator during all undertakings approved herein.

APPROVED BY: _____
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